

RSU #16 School Board
Operations Report
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FACILITIES

Last week, an electrician installed a timer on the circuit that the bus engine block heaters plug into. Instead of the engine block heaters being on throughout the night and all day on the weekends, the timers will activate for only 2 hours before the morning bus runs and will be off during the weekend. We expect an electrical saving of \$900 per winter month, which has an installation payback of one month.

Winter ice and snow have been a challenge this year. In winters past, RSU #16 used approximately 200 cubic yards (CY) of winter sand for road and walkways. This winter, school crews have used most of the 200 CY of stockpiled sand. An additional 100 CY has been ordered. Over MLK Day, I hired heavy equipment to move snow out of the parking areas at Central Office, PCS, ESS and MCS.

School Security and Safety Committee: The next School Safety and Security Committee meeting is scheduled for February 14th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION

Mandatory pre-bid and a walk-through was conducted on January 16th. All 4 pre-qualified contractors were present, as well as many sub-contractors. A second follow-up walk-through was conducted on January 28th.

The bid opening is scheduled for February 6th. The results of those bids will be made available to the School Board at the February 11th meeting.

TRANSPORTATION

Driver Shortage: The school bus driver shortage is becoming an increasing challenge to maintaining operational continuity. One temporary school bus driver, who was assigned to a regular route, left the district on February 4th. Two other school bus drivers are on leaves-of-absence, as the winter sports season is concluding. Recruiting efforts at basketball games and displaying messages on the lighted marquis at PRHS have not, yet, successfully generated applicants for employment.